

**ABSTRACT:****HAND HELD LIGHTER**

In order to provide a hand held lighter which is difficult to operate, thereby preventing accidental operation or operation by children, the hand held lighter comprises a fuel container 1, a fuel valve 4 for allowing fuel to be fed from the fuel container to an ignition point 5, a lever 6 for operating the fuel valve 4, a flint 10, a rotatably mounted sparking wheel 9 contacting the flint 10, so that when the sparking wheel 9 is rotated by a user, sparks are generated by the flint 10 and projected to the ignition point 5, at least one side wheel 12, 13 being provided, adjacent to the sparking wheel, wherein the circumferential surface of the sparking wheel is smooth, so that, if a force is applied by a user's thumb or finger, to the circumferential surface of the side wheel and the sparking wheel 9, which force would in the absence of the side wheel 12 or 13 be just sufficient to rotate the sparking wheel and generate sparks, the user's thumb or finger will slip on the side wheel 12 or 13.

(Figure 2)